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LETTER DATED 16 JANUARY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CANADA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to enclose the text of an announcement by the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister of Canada, concerning the recognition by Canada of the Republics of Slovenia and Croatia.

I would be grateful if you would have the text circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Louise FRECHETTE
Ambassador and
Permanent Representative

Annex

Announcement made by the Prime Minister
of Canada on 15 January 1992

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney today announced that Canada has recognized the republics of Croatia and Slovenia of the former Yugoslav Federation as independent States. Both republics have declared their independence and asked for international recognition.

The Prime Minister noted that the Yugoslav Federation as we have known it no longer exists and cannot be reconstituted by force.

He indicated that, before establishing diplomatic relations with Croatia and Slovenia, Canada will wish to be satisfied with respect to their plans for adherence to the principles of the Helsinki Final Act, the Charter of Paris and other CSCE documents, particularly regarding full respect for human rights and the protection of minorities.

Canada will continue to apply the United Nations embargo on the export of all arms to this area of conflict.

The cases of other republics remain under review.